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**SB 457, The Charter School Facilities Funding Act, Passes Education Committee**

AUSTIN – The Senate Education Committee voted to pass one of Senator Donna Campbell’s top priorities of the session today by a vote of 7-3. Senate Bill 457, the Charter School Facilities Funding Act, narrows the funding gap between traditional public schools and public charter schools. Currently, public charter school students receive \$1400 less on average than their peers at other public schools. SB 457 cuts that gap in half to help provide facilities funding for new classrooms.

“Charter school students in Texas are treated as public school students in every regard except for their funding. This existing funding gap penalizes families who want to exercise their freedom to select the best school within the public education system,” Senator Campbell said. “SB 457 narrows the existing funding gap by 50% to help relieve the 140,000 children stuck on charter school waiting lists. I am proud of the committee for listening to parents and passing this bill on to the full Senate. The value of a quality education is too important - to the child, their family, and the state - to leave these children waiting in limbo.”

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*State Senator Donna Campbell chairs the Veteran Affairs and Border Security Committee and is a member of the Education Committee.*